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In the Application of:)	Group Art Unit 1725
Daniel Wildmann et al.)	
)	Examiner: Elve, Maria Alexandra
for: APPARATUS FOR HANDLING)	
SHEET METAL WORKPIECES)	Confirmation No. 2162
TO BE WELDED)	
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Serial No: 10/674,095)	
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" of June 9, 2004, attached is a new "Amendments to the claims" section. Please substitute this attachment for the Claims section of the Preliminary Amendment that was filed on September 29, 2003 in the above-identified application:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present response.